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Prior application:

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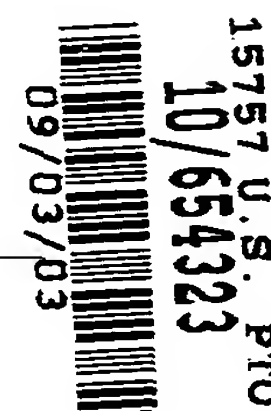
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REQUEST FOR A CONTINUING APPLICATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

Sir:

This is a request for filing a continuing application under 37 CFR 1.53(b) a
(**X**) continuation application of:
( ) divisional application of:

Pending Prior Application

Application No. **09/547,361**   filed **04-11-2000** .

Title **CONNECTOR SYSTEM FOR A DOCKING STATION OF A PORTABLE COMPUTER SYSTEM**

Name of applicant(s) **Jacques Helot and Michael Derocher**

Copy of Application

(**X**) Enclosed is a copy of the prior application, including the drawings.
( ) Enclosed is a new specification, including new drawings.

Oath or Declaration

(**X**) Enclosed is a copy of the prior Declaration (37 CFR 1.63(d)).
( ) Enclosed is a newly executed Declaration (original or copy).

Foreign Priority - 35 USC 119

( ) Foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. 119 has been claimed in prior Application No. _____

filed on _____ in _____

( ) The certified copy has been filed in prior Application No. _____

filed _____ .

( ) A separate paper claiming direct priority to a foreign application is enclosed herewith. A certified copy of the foreign application will be provided in due course.

Relate Back - 35 USC 120

(**X**) Amend the specification after the title by inserting the following heading:

--Cross Reference To Related Application(s)--;

and add the paragraph:

--This is a (**X**) continuation ( ) divisional
of copending application number __09/547,361__ filed on __04-11-2000__ ,
which is hereby incorporated by reference herein.

CONTINUING APPLICATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)
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Inventorship Statement

( ) *Delete the following named individuals as inventors in this application in accordance with 37 CFR 1.53(b)
as a result of a change in the claimed subject matter:*

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Appointment of Associat   Attorney

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    ( ) *authorization is hereby granted by signature below of the Attorney or Agent of record*

    ( ) *the Associate Attorney or Agent may not have the authority to appoint other Attorneys or Agents*

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Other Amendments

(**X**) Before calculating the filing fee, amend the prior application as follows:

    (**X**) Cancel the following claims **1-8 and 10-20** _____ of the
prior application before calculating the filing fee.   (At least one original independent claim must be
retained for filing purposes).

    (**X**) Enter the enclosed Preliminary Amendment.

Fee Calculation

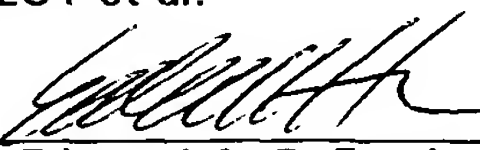(X) The filing fee is calculated below for (**X**) Utility   ( ) Design

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(1) FOR	(2) NUMBER FILED	(3) NUMBER EXTRA	(4) RATE	(5) TOTALS
TOTAL CLAIMS	22 — 20	2	X $18	$ 36
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	2 — 3	0	X $84	$ 0
ANY MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS	0		$280	$ 0
BASIC FEE: Design ($330.00); Utility ($750.00)				$ 750
TOTAL FILING FEE				$ 786
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Respectfully submitted,

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